

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

STEPHANIE CARTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENIS RICHARD MCDONOUGH, in his
official capacity as United States Secretary of
Veterans Affairs, and the **UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS,**

Defendants.

Case No. 6:22-cv-01275

PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i), Plaintiff Stephanie Carter dismisses the above-entitled action against Defendants. To date, no Defendant in this action served an answer or motion for summary judgment. *Carter v. United States*, 547 F.2d 258, 259 (5th Cir. 1977) (“As the plain terms of [the rule] establish, a plaintiff has an absolute right to dismiss a lawsuit before the defendant has filed an answer or summary judgment motion.”). Accordingly, Plaintiff notices voluntary dismissal of this action without prejudice, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B). Plaintiff’s notice is “self-effectuating and terminates the case in and of itself; no order or other action of the district court is required.” *In re Amerijet Int’l, Inc.*, 785 F.3d 967, 973 (5th Cir. 2015) (citations omitted).

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of July 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 21, 2023, a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Notice of Voluntary Dismissal was filed through the Electronic Court Filing system, which automatically notifies counsel of record for each party.

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